

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
storing a plurality of operating systems in at least one memory of a single information handling device, the plurality of operating systems including an appliance operating system dedicated to control the information handling device to operate a subset of one or more appliances, and a general operating system to perform general information handling tasks;  
executing the appliance operating system to control a subset of the one or more appliances, wherein the appliance operating system is independent of the general operating system; and  
executing the general operating system to control the information handling device to perform general information handling tasks.
2. (Original) The method as in Claim 1, further including switching between operating systems.
3. (Previously Presented) The method as in Claim 2, wherein switching includes discontinuing execution of one operating system prior to executing another operating system.
4. (Original) The method as in Claim 2, wherein switching includes executing two or more of the plurality of operating systems concurrently.

5. (Original) The method as in Claim 1, wherein:  
executing the appliance operating system includes reading the appliance operating system  
from a non-volatile memory circuit; and  
executing the general operating system includes reading the general operating system  
from a mass storage device.
6. (Original) The method as in Claim 1, wherein executing includes checking for  
resource conflicts.
7. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:  
a data processor;  
a bios to provide initial processor control;  
a memory coupled to said processor;  
a communications interface; and  
a plurality of operating systems ~~to be executed by said processor~~ stored in the memory,  
said plurality of operating systems including:  
a general operating system ~~capable of performing~~ configured to perform general  
information handling tasks; and  
an appliance operating system dedicated to controlling, through said  
communications interface, at least one appliance, wherein said appliance  
operating system is independent of said general operating system.
8. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said bios is to control which of said  
plurality of operating systems is executed.
9. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein:  
said memory includes random access memory and read-only memory; and  
said information handling system further includes a mass storage medium.
10. (Original) The system as in Claim 9, wherein:  
said general operating system is stored in said mass storage medium; and  
said appliance operating system is stored in said read-only memory.

11. (Currently Amended) The system as in Claim 7, further including one or more appliances [[to be]] coupled to said at least one communications interface.

12. (Currently Amended) The system as in Claim 11, wherein said one or more appliances are [[to be]] coupled to said communications interface via a network.

13. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said one or more appliances are media handling systems.

14. (Original) The system as in Claim 13, wherein said one or more media handling systems include at least one of an audio device and a visual device.

15. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said communications interface is a wireless interface.

16. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said communications interface is an electrical interface.

17. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein a resource conflict check is performed when said operating systems are executed.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium ~~tangibly~~ embodying a plurality of instructions, said plurality of instructions including:  
instructions to implement an appliance operating system [[on]] ~~in~~ a general purpose information handling system;  
said information handling system to perform general information handling tasks using a general operating system;  
said appliance operating system dedicated to control at least one appliance, wherein said appliance operating system is independent of said general operating system.

19. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said plurality of instructions further includes instructions to control which of said operating systems is executed.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein execution of said general operating system is terminated before switching to said appliance operating system.

21. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein execution of said appliance operating system is terminated before switching to said general operating system.

22. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said general operating system and said appliance operating system are executed concurrently.

23. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said at least one appliance is a media handling system.

24. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 23, wherein said at least one media handling system includes at least one of an audio device and a visual device.

25. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said plurality of instructions further includes instructions to check for resource conflicts.

26. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
 executing an appliance operating system [[on]] a single information handling device having one or more appliances, the appliance operating system dedicated to control the information handling device to operate a subset of the one or more appliances;  
 executing a general operating system [[on]] the single information handling device, the general operating system to perform general information handling tasks; and  
 wherein executing the appliance operating system and executing the general operating system occurs concurrently.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 26 wherein executing the general operating system includes checking for resource conflicts.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more appliances include a DVD player.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the appliance operating system for the DVD player is stored [[on]] a memory device different than a hard drive where the general operating system is stored.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the memory device is a memory device other than a hard drive.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more appliances include a television.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the appliance operating system for the television is stored [[on]] a memory device different than a hard drive where the general operating system is stored.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the memory device is a memory device other than a hard drive.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more appliances include a stereo system.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the appliance operating system for the stereo system is stored [[on]] a memory device different than a hard drive where the general operating system is stored.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the memory device is a memory device other than a hard drive.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more appliances include a home security system.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the appliance operating system for the home security system is stored ~~in~~ in a memory device different than a hard drive where the general operating system is stored.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the memory device is a memory device other than a hard drive.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the memory device is a read-only device.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the appliance operating system and the general operating system are executed concurrently.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
the appliance operating system is executed between a first time and a second time subsequent to the first time; and  
the general operating system is executed between a third time subsequent to the first time and a fourth time subsequent to the second time and the third time.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
the general operating system is executed between a first time and a second time subsequent to the first time; and  
the appliance operating system is executed between a third time subsequent to the first time and a fourth time subsequent to the second time and the third time.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the appliance operating system and the general operating system are executed concurrently.

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein:  
the appliance operating system is executed between a first time and a second time  
subsequent to the first time; and  
the general operating system is executed between a third time subsequent to the first time  
and a fourth time subsequent to the second time and the third time.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein:  
the general operating system is executed between a first time and a second time  
subsequent to the first time; and  
the appliance operating system is executed between a third time subsequent to the first  
time and a fourth time subsequent to the second time and the third time.